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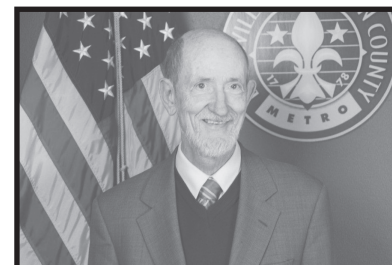
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A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN TOM OWEN



Janus the Roman God of “new beginnings” is usually depicted as having two faces: the one looking to the past that is gone and the other to the future that is before us. I have two public roles in our community that remind me of that ancient two-faced deity: as a Louisville historian and archivist at UofL, I spend a lot of time looking back but as your Councilman my job is to work with you charting our community and your neighborhood’s future. Today I’m going to give you a broad overview of the history of the Highlands in the simple belief that community life is deepened the more you know about how your neighborhood got here. In short, looking back is part of positioning for the future.

Homebuilding began in the Highlands over 200 years ago when simple farmsteads along with elegant plantation residences and their attendant slave quarters were built off the three rural turnpikes that traversed our area. Today those toll roads are known as Baxter Avenue/Bardstown Road, Barret / Castlewood/Newburg Road and Taylorsville Road. If you push back into the neighborhoods off those pikes, you’ll find for instance pre-Civil War elegance surviving at historic “Farmington” across from the Gardiner Lane Shopping Center, “Hayfield” on Tyler Lane in the Upper Highlands neighborhood, “Trough Spring” in Belknap, “Cardinal Hill” in Seneca Gardens, “Woodbourne” behind the Douglass Boulevard Christian Church in the Highland-Douglass neighborhood, Bonnycastle estate home at Cowling and Maryland (behind the Vineyard Church), three handsome antebellum homes within a stone’s throw of Barret and Castlewood in Tyler Park, and the H. I. Craycroft House in the Cherokee Triangle at Eastern Star Drive and Watkins Avenue. “Woodbourne” is undergoing renovation as apartments for low-income seniors, Highland Community Ministries has day-care in the Craycroft House, and the Vineyard Church uses the Bonnycastle home as a Christian education building. At least one very old country seat, the two-story log “Preston Lodge” in the Original Highlands neighborhood at Baxter and Winter Avenues is believed by many to survive at the core of the existing residence there.

Our “modern” Highlands, 1870-1960, with the exception of large portions of the Upper Highlands and the Bowman neighborhoods, was developed as classic streetcar neighborhoods. Rails for mule car service were pushed up to higher ground on both the Broadway and Baxter lines just a few years after the Civil War and soon after a separate rural mule service extended public transportation’s reach out Bardstown and Taylorsville Roads to “Mrs. Smyser’s Hotel” located about where Big Springs Country Club is on Dutchmans Lane. In 1881 a large streetcar barn was constructed on the present-day Walgreens/Starbucks site at Baxter and Highland Avenue and then with streetcar electrification in 1890, “city” service swept across the Highlands with turn-arounds variously at Everett and Cherokee Parkway, Castlewood/Valley/Barret Avenue, Bonnycastle and Bardstown, “The Loop,” and Wallace and Taylorsville Road. In the early 1900s, rail service to the rural communities of Fern Creek and Jeffersontown was added to Bardstown and Taylorsville Roads respectively.

Dense city-type subdivisions with uniform residential setbacks, sidewalks and sometimes alleys accompanied each expansion of the streetcar line. Subdividers one tract at a time bought the old estates or smaller farms that had been split from them, laid out homesites and built streets and sidewalks and other infrastructure, and through public auction or direct sales sold off those lots. The names of those developments –sometimes called “additions”–referred to the real estate company, farm owner or subdivider while others were clearly chosen to evoke a desirable or romantic location. For instance, the names Ridgeland Addition and Windsor Place Subdivision—built near present-day Mid City Mall in the early 1900s—appealed to the emotions while the Zimlich Addition in the Belknap neighborhood was named for the family farm that was subdivided. The Highlands was built out one development at a time over a period of about ninety years starting in 1870.

I hope looking back to how the Highlands came to be will strengthen your love and appreciation for your residence, your neighborhood and your city. At the very least, your eyes may be more focused on those evidences of an earlier day tucked away where you regularly walk, pedal and drive. In addition, like the Roman God who gave the month of January its name, turning to look back positions us to more effectively look toward the future.



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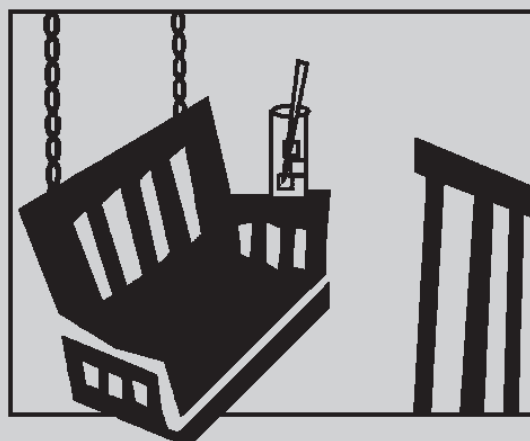
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Front Porch Tuesdays

A good Excuse for Neighbors Getting Together
“Cross Your Street for a Front Porch Meeting”



Tuesday, May 14th
(even number addresses sit out on the porch) Tuesday, May 21th (odd number address sit out on porch)

Please mark your calendars in advance for 2013 “Talk with Tom” at your local coffee houses. Tom will be at the these locations from 9 a.m. -11 a.m., so come on by and have a hot or cold beverage and tell the Councilman what’s on your mind.

May 25th	Day’s Coffee and Espresso Bar	1420 Bardstown Road
June 29th	Panera Bread	1534 Bardstown Road
July 27th	Heine Brothers Coffee Shop	1449 Bardstown Road
August 31st	Dunkin Doughnuts	1250 Bardstown Road
September 28th	Highland Coffee	1140 Bardstown Road
October 26th	Starbucks	972 Baxter Avenue
November 23rd	Quill’s Coffee	930 Baxter Avenue

Tyler Park Neighborhood Association – Walkability Assessment on May 11

One of the best ways to enjoy a neighborhood is to walk in it. More walkable neighborhoods are also healthier and safer neighborhoods — and improved walkability increases property values.

But how conducive is your neighborhood to strolling? How walkable is it?

This May 11 — the Saturday following the Derby — the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association will sponsor an effort to assess the walkability of their neighborhood. Following an approach developed by the Center for Neighborhoods, they will be looking at such factors as block attractiveness, surface conditions, curb ramps, sidewalk connectivity, lighting and overall walkability.

A group will meet at 10 a.m. at Highland Cleaners’ Discovery Center at 1401 Bardstown Road. Following a brief presentation, they will break into teams and examine on foot some of the principal one-mile routes in Tyler Park.

To volunteer or learn more about the Tyler Park assessment, contact Chip Nold at 458-1172 or jnjr@insightbb.com.

For those interested in learning how a walkability assessment might work in other neighborhoods, contact Lisa Dettlinger of the Center for Neighborhoods at ddetkli210@gmail.com.

Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light (KIPL) Awards Dinner

This year’s annual Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light (KIPL) Awards Dinner will be held Thursday, May 9 at St Paul United Methodist Church. Speaking on “Beyond Sustainability: A Realistically Inspiring Vision” will be acclaimed author and speaker Michael Dowd. Working primarily with faith communities KIPL offers proven programs designed to protect Kentucky’s land, air and water, safeguard public health, and ensure sufficient, sustainable energy for all. Look for full details online at www.kentuckyipl.org



8th District Community Contact List

Belknap Neighborhood Association:
Tim Mayer, 681.7255, jtm_ukfan@yahoo.com; (2nd Wed., Highlands Kroger, 2nd fl conference room) 7:00 pm

Bonnycastle Homestead Association:
Jessica Loving, 1616 Cherokee Road, 40205, 451.8410; jessloving@bellsouth.net (2nd Tues., Commodore) 7:00 pm

Cherokee Triangle Neighborhood Association:
Peggie Elgin, 1050 Everett Ave., 40204, 459.0256; cherokeetriangle@bellsouth.net; (3rd Mon., Library at MidCity Mall) 7:00 pm

Deer Park Neighborhood Association:
Tim Darst, 1532 Quadrant, 40205, 458.3268 (2nd Thurs., Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, 1722 Bardstown Road) 7:00 pm

Highland-Douglass Neighborhood Association:
Norma Miller, 2216 Douglass Blvd, 40205; 458.9518 (1st Wed., Douglass Community Ctr.) 6:30pm

Original Highlands Neighborhood Association:
Jackie Leslie, 1322 Morton Avenue, 40204; 582.2112 jackie.leslie@insightbb.com (3rd Mon., 850 Barret Ave. Air Pollution Control Room) 7:00pm

Tyler Park Neighborhood Association:
Brian Caudill, 1647 Beechwood Avenue, 40204, 439.8030 brian.caudill@insightbb.com; (4th Thurs., Library at MidCity Mall) 7:00 pm

Upper Highlands Neighborhood Association:
Paul Schuhmann, 2901 Falmouth Dr., 40205, 458.0475; Schuh2901@yahoo.com; 3rd Monday of every other month – Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov. (2013: March 20, May 15, July 17, Sept. 18, Nov. 20) 7 pm Sullivan University College of Pharmacy, 2100 Gardiner Lane

City of Strathmoor Manor:
Mayor Dennis Boyd, 459.2971; (4th Thursday, Republic Bank, 2801 Bardstown Rd.)

Highlands Commerce Guild: Larry Rother, 633 Baxter Ave., 235.2707, LarryRother@ThehighlandsofLouisville.com; (last Wed. 8:30 a.m., Gilda's Club)

City of Strathmoor Village:
Mayor Jay Bowman, 276.5440; mayor@cityofstrathmoorvillage.com (2nd Monday, First Capital Bank, Bardstown Rd. and Gladstone Ave.) 6:30 pm

City of Kingsley:
Mayor Rebecca Beld, 452.6478; www.cityofkingsley.org (1st Thurs., First Capital Bank, Bardstown Rd. and Gladstone Ave.) 7:00 pm

City of Seneca Gardens:
Mayor David Brown, 459.2780; info@cityofsenecagardens.com (3rd Monday, Keneseth Israel Synagogue - rear) 6:30 pm



Louisville Metro
Frequently Called Numbers

Air Pollution Control	574.6000
Animal Control	363.6609
Crisis Center	589.4313
Councilman Tom Owen	574.1108
County Clerk	574.5700
Court Information	574.5803
Drivers License Information	595.4405
Emergency	911
Health Department	574.6520
Highland Comm. Ministries	451.3695
Inspections, Permits and	
Licenses (Codes & Regulations)	574.3321
LG&E	589.1444
Louisville Water Company	569.3600
Louisville Zoo	459.2181
MetroCall	311 or 574.5000
Metro Council Clerk	574.3902
Metro Parks	456.8100
Metro United Way-Help Line	211
MSD (sewers)	587.0603
Mosquito Control	574.6650
Planning and Design	574.6230
Poison Control	589.8222
Police Dispatch	574.7111
Property Valuation	574.6380
Public Library	574.1611
Sheriff	574.5400
TARC	585.1234
Voter Registration	574.6100

Driving Guidelines

The 8th District has had an ever increasing request for more stop signs for our neighborhood streets. We have also had many questions of “Who has the right of way at a four-way stop?” With the upcoming good weather of Spring and Summer and the increase in outside activities, the 8th District was requested to refresh our driver training days and include the rules of the road. Remember when you head for the outdoors “Wheels and Feet share the Street!” Let’s review, refresh and hit the road with full knowledge of the rules and encourage traffic civility.



Turning and Right-of-Way at Intersections

- Section 189.330 of the KRS addresses what to do when turning at an intersection. Part (4) of this section specifically addresses stopping at stop signs. It states that unless directed to do otherwise by a police officer, a driver approaching a stop sign must stop at either a clearly marked stop line or before a crosswalk. If neither is present, the driver must stop as close to the intersection as possible to produce an adequate view of traffic. The driver must then yield to vehicles in the intersection or on the intersecting road close enough to create an “immediate hazard” to the driver. If the intersection is a four-way stop, the driver on the left must yield to the driver on the right.

Exemptions From Traffic Regulations

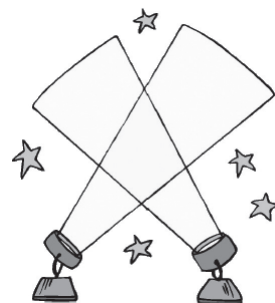
- Part (2) of section 189.940 of the KRS states that the driver of an emergency vehicle may proceed through a stop sign after slowing down as necessary for the safety of surrounding traffic and alerting nearby drivers in accordance with Part (5): by illuminating emergency lights or sounding the vehicle’s siren.

Penalties

- Section 189.990 of the KRS enumerates the penalties for violating traffic regulations. Part (1) states that failing to stop at a stop sign results in a fine of not less than \$20 and not more than \$100 for each offense as of 2010.

Read more: Kentucky Traffic Laws Governing Stopping at Stop Signs | eHow.com

http://www.ehow.com/list_6896341_kentucky-governing-stopping-stop-signs.html#ixzz2Mary28sK



Highland Community Ministries to host a May trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse

Sunday, May 19th, Highlands Community Ministries is sponsoring a trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse to see “9 to 5”. The cost is \$33 with TARC transportation. The bus leaves from Highlands Court Apartments at 11:15 A.M. Register by calling 451-3695.

2013 Summer Willow Park Concert Schedule

Sundays except Memorial Day and Labor Day 7 – 9 p.m.

Monday, May 27	Lost Boys (Old Time Rock ‘n Roll)
June 2	Joe Debow (Blues, Blues & More Blues)
June 9	Appalatin (Caribbean/Appalachian/Latin)
June 16	Blair Carmen & the Bellevue Boys (Rockabilly)
June 23	The Tarnations (Good Time Rock & Blues)
June 30	Stray Cat Blues Band (Blues R&B)
July 7	Old School (Classic Rock/Soul & Funk)
July 14	Ode to the Gnu (Variety of the Ages)
July 21	Delicious Blues Stew (Cajun & Blues)
July 28	Cosa Seria (Salsa) – Tentative
August 4	Will Cary (Nightcrawler Rock)

Rain Dates are August 11, 18 and 25

Monday, Sept. 2	The Ovation Orchestra (Bag Band Swing)
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No Alcohol – No Pets – No Soliciting

This is a FREE event, but please bring canned goods and/or hygiene products to help support the Highlands Community Ministries Dare to Care programs.



Sign Up for New Citywide Emergency Alert System

Sign up by visiting www.louisvilleky.gov, or call MetroCall 311

Louisville has a new system — Code Red — to keep citizens updated during emergencies.

The system uses a variety of methods — text alerts, emails and phone calls — to warn citizens about potentially life-threatening events, including severe weather.

The new service is free – but you must sign up to receive the alerts.

To sign up for Code Red alerts, visit www.louisvilleky.gov and fill out the form. Citizens may choose which types of alerts and which delivery methods they wish to receive.

Cherokee Triangle Art Fair

The Cherokee Triangle Art Fair will be celebrating its 42nd year this year. The Fair is always held the last weekend of April, the weekend before Derby. This year, the dates are April 27 and 28. The Fair runs the length of Cherokee Parkway from the Castleman Statue to Willow Avenue.

Fair hours are from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm both Saturday and Sunday. Although the artists' booths close at 6:00 on Saturday, the Food Court and beer and wine booths will stay open until 8:00 pm. We will have music from the gazebo on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Along with about 200 artists showing jewelry, pottery, paintings, photographs, sculptures, clothing, etc., the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair also will have its standard plant booth, Association booth, and Children's Art tent.

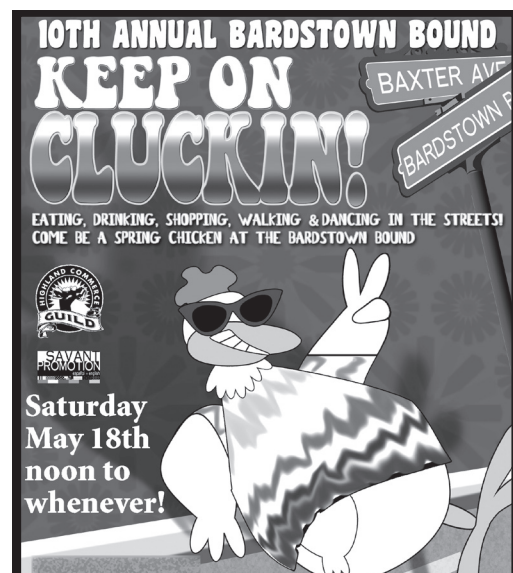


A free bicycle valet parking service provided by Bicycling for Louisville is being offered again this year. Reduce traffic congestion, save gas and save time looking for



scarce parking by riding a bike to the Fair. Volunteers will keep bikes secure while the owners enjoy the Fair. The service will be located on Cherokee Road at Midland Avenue.

For directions to the Cherokee Triangle Art Fair or other fair information, please check the Cherokee Triangle Association web site at www.cherokeetriangle.org.



**10th Annual Bardstown Bound
"Keep on Cluckin'"**
Saturday, May 18th, 2013
Noon to Whenever!
Trolley Service 2-10pm
**Join in the Highland
Chicken Dance at 5pm**
Bardstown Rd. @ Eastern Pkwy
**Corridor Shops, Eateries and
Galleries offer special sales,
events and live music**

Tom's Summer Bike Rides 2013!

Carrying on a tradition he started several years ago, Councilman Owen will pedal in front of every residence in District 8's thirteen neighborhoods during the summer months. "With a notebook in hand and willing ear for citizen concerns, I'll ride every street in the Highlands" says Owen. "This is nothing formal, just a chance to meet and greet neighbors where they live."

Dates and neighborhoods for this year's Summer bike ride-bys are:

Week of...

July 7 Upper Highlands

July 14 Cities of Strathmoor Manor/Strathmoor
Village/Seneca Gardens/Bowman Field Area

July 21 Belknap

July 28 Highlands Douglass/City of Kingsley

August 4 Deer Park

August 11 Bonnycastle

August 18 Original Highlands

August 25 Cherokee Triangle

September 1 Tyler Park



If you'd like Councilman Owen to stop by your house for a chat, contact his office at 574-1108 to set a date and time. Please call at least ten days before he is scheduled to ride your neighborhood.

Recycling Program

All residents of the Urban Services District now have an option of purchasing the 95-gallon recycling cart for \$50. Carts are now available for purchase by calling MetroCall at 311 or 574-5000, or by printing out the form at www.louisvilleky.gov/solidwaste/recycling and mailing it in with a check or money order. If a residential unit has more than one 95-gallon garbage cart, they can also exchange it for a new recycling cart at no charge. Let's get green 8th District, sign up today!

Tom's "Nickel for your thought" Tip!

Please make sure bikes and trikes and other items that are sometime left at the edge of your property are tucked up closer to your house during your junk pickup week. I've gotten several complaints that the junk scavengers that course our neighborhoods looking for salvagable or recyclable items have mistaken your "good stuff" for things you want to get rid of.



Upper Highlands Festival

The annual Festival in the Upper Highlands will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2013, starting at 11:00 a.m. on the front lawn of Atherton High School. It will be a day full of fun for neighbors of all ages. This year's event will be a neighborhood picnic-style atmosphere. Featuring great live music all day, entertainment for kids of all ages, delicious food, vendors and special interest booths, presentations by the police and fire department, the Red Cross bloodmobile, and more!